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Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic postponed

by Tamara Collins

Due to the lack of snow this winter, the Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic Committee was left with no choice but to postpone the event for one week, and if the snow still doesn't come, even longer.

The event was originally scheduled for Jan. 7 and 8, and now that has been postponed until Jan. 14 and 15, and if still no snow comes, the event will be postponed until Feb. 25 and 26.

"We are dedicated to putting on a great show when the time comes. It is just a case of being flexible and ready to roll when the snow finally comes and the trail is race-ready."

-Dena Wannamaker, Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic committee member.

According to committee member Dena Wannamaker, the committee half hoped snow would come over the holidays, but it was not to be.

"We are dedicated to putting on a great show

when the time comes," said Wannamaker. "It is just a case of being flexible and ready to roll when the snow finally comes and the trail is race-ready."

Hosted by the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce, the Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic is a nostalgic glimpse of the hardy men and women who met the challenge of winter travel in the snowbound north. Predating the Skidoo and Arctic Cat, the vision of a sled, musher and team of huskies amid a vast white expanse is the heritage we salute in this series of sled dog sprint races.

"I am so impressed with the excitement in the community for this event and the tremendous sponsorship support the race has already received," said Wannamaker. "Mushers from as far as Yellowknife and Montana are eager to try out our unique trail and we look forward to showing off our community and hospitality to them."

Wannamaker added that as a committee they had to be prepared for this to happen.

"We need to be able to be very flexible with the dates," said Wannamaker. "The fact that the race is all on private land definitely makes it more flexible."

For the Classic to take place on Jan. 14 and 15, at least six inches of snow needs to fall, and the temperature needs to drop so the Rosebud Creek can freeze.

"This new date we set is wide open so we could get even more mushers than we thought," said



photo by Tamara Collins

Dena Wannamaker and John Bates, Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic committee members, are praying for snow so they will not have to postpone the race a second time.

Wannamaker. "We are hoping that with January comes snow."

The committee had to phone all participants of the change, as they prepare their racing schedules.

"We have had an outpour-

ing of community support from the merchants and the people on the streets," said Wannamaker. "It is a cool time of year, people have the post Christmas blahs, and this gives everyone something to be excited about."



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MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY MVC names Plamping permanent CAO



MVC CAO Doug Plamping

by Tamara Collins

Doug Plamping is the Mountain View County's (MVC) new CAO, Reeve Al Kemmere announced on Dec. 23 after a four month search.

Plamping was working as the County's interim CAO for the past three months, and will now be formally ratified as the new permanent CAO at a council meeting on Jan. 11.

"We had a strong response to our call for applications for the CAO position," said Reeve Al Kemmere. "Moreover, the calibre of applicants was exceptional, making our decision a challenging one. The community can rest assured that they secured the serv-

ices of a very skilled CAO selected from an outstanding slate of experienced municipal administrators."

Plamping was one of 32 applicants for the position, and after being officially appointed, he and his family will eagerly relocate to the County.

Plamping has already

been instrumental in implementing many of the organizational and governance recommendations outlined in the 2005 Cuff Report. He has invested a career in municipal management and consulting, and brings 28 years of knowledge to the County.

Plamping worked as a CAO in ten other municipalities in Alberta, as an Official Administrator in two, and worked on managing consulting projects in Newfoundland, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario, B.C., the Northwest Territories, the Yukon Territory, and the U.S.A.

This has included work for federal, territorial and provincial government departments, cities, towns, villages, regional districts, municipal districts and counties, non-profit organizations, as well as for health authorities, children's services authorities and other governmental organizations.

Christmas Eve collision kills Didsbury man



George Gannon

by Tamara Collins

On Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, at approximately 7:45

a.m. a 34-year-old Didsbury man was driving west of town, just off Hwy 766, when his vehicle left the road and hit a structure approach. The driver was ejected from the vehicle, and died at the scene.

George William Gannon, the lone occupant of the vehicle, was found deceased when Didsbury RCMP and Fire Dept. arrived, after being called by someone driving by the accident.

"It is unknown at this time if alcohol was involved," said Cpl. Fischer, Didsbury RCMP.

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Candidates lay out agriculture plans

CANDIDATES FORUM ON JAN. 5

by Dan Singleton

The four candidates in the Wild Rose riding say they have plans to help farmers and ranchers in central Alberta, many hard hit by the mad cow crisis over the past two years.

Farm families and businesses lost income when the U.S. border was closed to Canadian cattle exports with the discovery of the BSE or mad cow brain degenerative disease in May 2003. The border reopened last summer.

There are four candidates in Wild Rose: NDP's Shannon Nelles, Green Party's Sean Maw, Liberal Judy Stewart, and Conservative incumbent Myron Thompson.

The federal election campaign got underway on Nov. 28, with Canadians going to the polls Jan. 23.

Nelles says if elected she plans to spend a lot of her time meeting with local ranchers and farmers to gauge their concerns and seek solutions.

"Basically what the NDP is planning to do for Wild Rose is literally taking the answers from farmers and taking it out of agribusiness hands," said Nelles. "I want to work in conjunction with the farmers to find solutions that will work for them."

"Honestly the best solutions would come out of the mouths of the farmers and ranchers themselves. If elected I plan to listen to people, what farmers have to say, and working with them to find the best solutions for them. We feel the people with the problems would have the best solutions."

More needs to be done to help ranchers continue to recover from the mad cow crisis, she said.

Conservative candidate Myron Thompson says his party's plans to replace the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Program (CAIS) with a new income stabilization program will benefit all farmers and ranchers in Wild Rose.

"I can't tell you what a mind-boggling process it was to even fill out the applications (for CAIS)," said Thompson. "Our plan is for direct aid to the farmers at the gate and hopefully bypass the huge bureaucracy."

The new Conservative program would be a "simpler, more responsive program that properly addressed the cost of production, market revenue and inventory evaluation," he said.

"We will support the phased reduction of all trade-distorting barriers and the rapid elimination of all agriculture export subsidies. Canadians will have to choose between a Conservative plan with committed support for farming and farm families, and Liberal indifference to rural Canada. With the opening of new beef markets, things will start falling into place."

Under the Conservative plan, western grain farmers would be able to participate voluntarily in the Canadian Wheat Board.

Liberal candidate Stewart said her party has a comprehensive plan for helping ranchers and farmers in the short and long terms.

"We are looking at how to help farmers during droughts and other calamities," said Stewart. "We have a number of plans to help farmers, mostly through working with producers and the provinces. A lot of it is investing in the rural economy and infrastructure."

"A lot of it has to do with making sure that they (farmers) have market equality, and opening up some new markets globally. We are continuing to look at direct assistance and investing through provincial agencies. Farmers want government to invest in markets for products."

The Liberal plan includes increasing the use of cooperatives and similar farmer collective actions to achieve market equality, and ensuring that young farmers have access to the Farm Improvement and Marketing Cooperatives Loan Act.

The Liberals plan to increase the capital gain tax exemption from \$500,000 to \$750,000, she said.

The Conservative plan to do away with (CAIS) will cost farm families, she said.

"The current program is fully funded by the province and the feds. The program being suggested by Mr. Harper (Conservative leader) would require contributions from those who can least afford it, the ranchers. People need to voice what they think, and frankly I think they should do that at the polls."

Green Party candidate Maw said he would like to

see more slaughterhouses brought to Wild Rose.

"That would give the local ranchers more control over distribution of their product, because they are pretty much operating at the behest of the large multinationals," he said.

"I think the federal government has a role in supporting the creation of more local slaughterhouse capacity," said Maw. "That doesn't necessarily mean handouts, but it could mean guaranteed loans."

He said if elected he would work hard to ensure that money set aside for BSE relief gets to the farmers and ranchers.

"My understanding is that that it not necessarily happening," he said.

There should be full testing for BSE in all Canadian cattle, he said.

"I'm not sure the crisis is actually over, it may have simply been postponed in the sense that if any more mad cow cases come up, I would expect the Americans might take the same action again in the future."

What we really need to do is work on broader solutions. One of those things would be to do 100 per cent testing. It would make sense that if we are doing comprehensive testing, they (U.S.) won't be able to fall back on that excuse."

The Green Party would like to see an end to genetically modified crops, he said.

"With companies reducing the variety of crops out there combined with the dependencies on the chemical products they produce to support them, we're creating a very unnatural situation. In the long term that is going to be devastating."

"Some of the answers would be that we get back to the crops that are made for this area and climate. And we avoid the genetically modified crops because of the long term uncertainty about what that is going to do to the ecology."

All Wild Rose candidates have said they will be taking part in a candidates forum at Olds College on Jan. 5.



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Gano retires from MVC council

by Brad Linn

Division 2 voters will yet again go to the polls this winter for a by-election.

Joy Gano, division 2 councillor of Mountain View County resigned Dec. 16 due to health reasons.

This has been an extremely difficult decision for me personally and for my family," said Gano, "I took on the position of councillor with enthusiasm and the full intention of making a solid contribution during my term. I now find that I must deal with a health issue that requires my full and undivided attention."

Reeve Al Kemmere, said that Gano, a neophyte at politics, will be missed greatly.

"I think she was a tremendous asset for the

county, for balance and her intelligence," he said, "This is going to set us back there's no doubt about it, but the health of an individual is the most important thing."

Gano's resignation came as a total surprise and has shocked her fellow councillors.

Councillor Kathy Blain said that she supports Gano 100 per cent.

"She is wonderful, I feel a personal sense of loss," said Blain. "She was a natural (councillor), we're really going to suffer a great deal."

Gano replaced the seat left vacant by Charlie Van Arnam on Oct. 17.

A new election, which must be held within 90 days of Gano's resignation, will be scheduled. Details will be determined in the New Year.

Early polls for election

by Brad Linn

If you're a snow bird or worried about inclement weather inhibiting your ability to vote in the upcoming federal election Jan. 23, there is always the option of going to the advanced polls.

Your vote is the way you choose someone to represent you in Canada's Parliament.

By expressing your choice, you are exercising your democratic right that is key to the democratic process of government that generations of Canadians have fought to build.

Voting will also give you more clout when spewing vitriol about the politicians in the house.

Larry Bilden, assistant re-

turning officer with elections Canada, said advanced polls are for people unable to be here on election day.

This election, the advanced polls will be open on Jan 13, 14 and 16.

Polling stations in Mountain View County will be at the Olds Legion and at the library in Sundre.

There is also the option to go to the returning office in Airdrie for an early vote or contact elections Canada and apply to vote by special mail-in ballot from anywhere in Canada or around the world.

The returning office is located in East Lake Blvd., Bay 4 in Airdrie and Larry Bilden can be reached at 1-866-202-6162.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

A new beginning



TAMARA COLLINS
EDITORIAL

So I have been thinking about what my New Year's resolution should be for a while now, sometimes it is hard to decipher through all the resolutions you hear over the years from everyone else. For example, I want to loose weight, I want to be a better parent, I want to be a better spouse, I want to be better with my money... sure these are all great resolutions, but to me these seem more like end results, and don't really focus on how to get there, and they also seem very generic.

So you want to loose weight, maybe a better resolution would be to exercise for at least 30 mins/ four days a week, break it down so the path to getting to your goal is more clear, therefore easier to achieve.

I think New Year's resolutions should be something that you have to work at throughout the year, not something that has to be done by the end of it. Then what is really the point, you can just continue down the same path, then suddenly attempt to change when the year is closing down.

I want my resolution to be something I truly want, and sometimes your own wants are lost somewhere in the clutter that surrounds you, and you end up resolving to do something you don't really want, therefore it probably won't happen.

So when making your resolution this year, think about what would make your life happier, and more fulfilled, and try not to think about what everyone else wants for you. It is your life, live it your way!



Wonderings of the heart

by Margaret Fradley

"Happy New Year"

Another year has passed, many of the things we worried about, never came to pass, and many of the things we were concerned about, worked out in ways that astonished us.

As we look forward to another year ahead, many of us wonder what another year will bring. The news we hear nearby and across the world can be devastating, but we also have news of hope and encouragement. It seems strange that 'so called bad news' always seems to be first in the media, and we can become absorbed by it, but when we take another look, we see stories of courage, strength and renewed hope, even among those who were most affected.

During the times of hurricanes and flooding, there were times of 'joining together, working together and gifts of prayers, love and financial assistance to those in need. It is only afterwards that we often hear the stories of the great courage that unlined the tragedies.

Corrie Ten Boom put it wisely when she said "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God". How blessed we are to have "One" who has promised that He will never leave us or forsake us - "One" that will lead us beside the still waters and restore our souls - "One" who has promised to strengthen us, help us, and uphold us. Our hope is in Him. I wish you all a blessed year to come.

OLDS/ DIDSBURY/ THREE HILLS MLA COLUMN Thank you for the Centennial memories, Alberta!

All good things must come to an end, and Alberta's centennial is no exception. With 2006 right around the corner, Albertans can look back on a year filled with memorable 100th birthday celebrations and meaningful tributes to a province and its people.

"The past year has been truly remarkable," said Premier Ralph Klein. "From family gatherings and community events to provincewide celebrations, Albertans have been heartfelt in their tributes to their province and are undeniably optimistic about the future. We have so much to be proud of."

To mark the centennial, the Alberta government's focus has been to leave lasting legacies that future generations of Albertans can enjoy. Over \$500 million has been invested in 536 legacy projects in 400 communities across the province. A number of other legacies including new scholarships, and education savings plan have also been created to commemorate the province's milestone year.

Albertans also celebrated this special year with parties. Over 1900 community-inspired centennial events were held in cities, towns and districts across the province involving thousands of participants and hundreds of volunteers.

"The centennial brought out the best in Albertans," said Minister of Community Development, Gary Mar. "Communities really pulled together to mark the occasion. So many people gave of their time and energy to make this year memorable. That is the spirit of our province."

In May, Alberta welcomed Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh to the province. The three-day visit included stops at the Alberta Legislature and special centennial events at Commonwealth Stadium and Churchill Square in Edmonton and at the Pengrowth Saddledome in Calgary. Alberta's provincial museum was also renamed the Royal Alberta Museum in honour of the visit.

The province hosted international sporting events like the 2005 Masters Games and Alberta Centennial World Cup of cross country skiing, filled a gigantic time capsule full of mementos and memorabilia from over 200 communities and presented approximately 600,000 school children and 500 centenarians with commemorative medallions. Albertans also took time to recognize one another's contributions to the province. The Centennial Salute for Sports and Recreation was presented to 100 sport builders and 8,000 Centennial Medals were awarded to some of the province's most outstanding citizens. Alberta's centennial even managed to attract international attention. The Australian capital of Canberra is using Alberta as a model for planning its 100th birthday celebrations in 2013.

Alberta's official birthday on September 1, 2005 was the highlight of the year. More than 250,000 Albertans celebrated in a televised 10-community birthday party that included Alberta entertainers, food, family activities, and a spectacular simultaneous fireworks display. It truly was the Party of the Century.

As the centennial year comes to an end, Albertans are left with many memories, lasting legacies in their communities and a bright future ahead.



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Drivers vs. pedestrians

When did it become law that you continue to drive when the pedestrian is only half across the street. I have had people swear at me for pointing out their fault. I have had my stroller almost clipped because people are to much in a hurry.

We live in Didsbury, how long does it take to get somewhere? Maybe people should walk instead of drive, maybe we wouldn't think we need to be in that much of a hurry. Good for the Seniors who can still walk around uptown, that doesn't mean you should run them off the crosswalk or

proceed through the crossing when they still are.

Yes there are the considerate drivers and most certainly I wave my hand and my daughter waves to the ones who can wait and stop for pedestrians. So thank you to the drivers who are kind and patient. And to the ones who aren't well maybe leave earlier so you are not in a hurry. Or open your eyes and look for pedestrians and get some patience. Or park your car and go for a walk. There are signs and road markings for a reason.

My daughter sometimes is walking and if you are not a

defensive driver, then you shouldn't be driving. If it says 30 km school zone, you go 30 km. If the sign says stop, you stop whether it's on the street or sticking out the side of a bus. We all learned how to read, so follow the signs. Taking my children for a walk should not be dodging cars at a crosswalk or racing across the road because nobody has patience to stop.

So again I recognize the generous drivers and more people should. I wave my hand in thanks and so does my daughter.

Lisa Bischke

More Post Office problems

Dear Editor;

In response to the letter by Scott Allison regarding the Didsbury Post Office, we would like to add our own experience.

We were having a problem with our kitchen tap and ordered the part from Vancouver; we were assured that it would be sent that day. We checked regularly for over 2 weeks, still no package. My husband checked Greyhound, the courier services, and with Vancouver again - it was sent but still no package. Doug went back to the post office and finally someone said "maybe it's that parcel in the back!" Turns out it was, it had been sent to us with our name, street address and phone number (we are, as far as we know, the only Bruces in town, and have lived here for eight years!) Someone had taken the time and trouble to write our box number on the package twice and someone else had stroked it off twice.

We are wondering why anyone would go to the trouble of stroking off our box number and not just simply put it in our box??

Doug & Louise Bruce

Hurt Feelings!

My family and I moved to Didsbury a couple of month's ago. Until last night I was thrilled with my move up here and the friendliness of the people.

I had brought home a couple of bags of toys, which were left over from a Children's Christmas Party I was a part of a couple of week's ago. The left over toys are donated to the less fortunate. I saw an article in the paper last night that a Church in town was looking for some help with hampers etc. so I thought this was a good choice, so we took the toys to the Church.

After standing at the door for a few minutes because we didn't know anyone I got someone's attention. I explained what was in the bags. To my absolute shock I was immediately reprimanded that the toys were all wrapped. I explained to this lady each toy had a gender and an age, she continued to reprimand me. Then her remark to me was that I would know better for next year. Well there won't be a next year not for them anyway. A very nice woman came over to me and said she would be more than happy to take the toys as is to a place where they are needed. I would like to thank her for that. After all is that not the Christian way?

I have volunteered for many years mostly with kids. I have never been so insulted and hurt before.

I do still very much like the town and the people here. I just felt like I had to say something.

Barbara Hanna,
Newcomer

For more letters
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Agricultural Society office on main street Didsbury (south of the Royal Bank, and open Mondays and Wednesdays) or phone Connie at the office (335-4494) and leave your name. If enough interest is shown, we will arrange for a meeting early in the new year to pass on all the information which will be needed for the new volunteers to continue this event.

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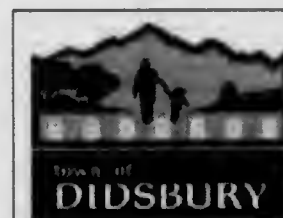
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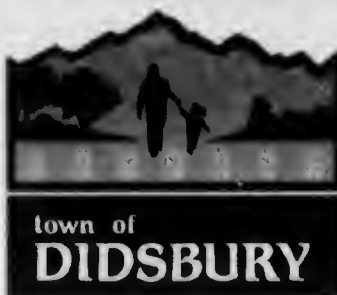
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NEWS

Injured firefighter faces lengthy recovery



Above: Doug Stevens, local firefighter, fell off a ladder at a recent house fire, and hurt his foot. Stevens now requires four to six months off his job to recover.

by Tamara Collins

The Didsbury firefighter

who fell off the ladder at the Dec. 16 house fire at 1813 20th Ave., will be unable to

work for the next four to six months due to the foot injury the eight to 10 foot fall

caused.

Doug Stevens has been on the Didsbury Fire Department for the past 24 years, but his first injury while on duty only happened two weeks ago, when Stevens was fighting a house fire on a cold, snowy morning and he lost his footing on the slippery ladder and fell to the frozen ground.

"We were at a house fire and we couldn't get to it from the sides, so we put a ladder to the roof so we could pour water down on it," said Stevens. "I was up on the ladder and it got slippery and I lost my footing."

Stevens landed on his left foot, where the bone was crushed. A steel plate was put into his foot, which will remain there for a couple months, then Stevens will

need to go through physiotherapy. Stevens will not be able to work at his job at Greyhound, or fight anymore fires for at least four months.

Stevens will receive worker's compensation for his injury, and he says he has no regrets being at the fire.

"It was just one of those things, it could have happened to anyone," said Stevens. "I will back on the department as soon as I can."

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Olds Legion #105 Jan. Notes

by Marge St. Clair

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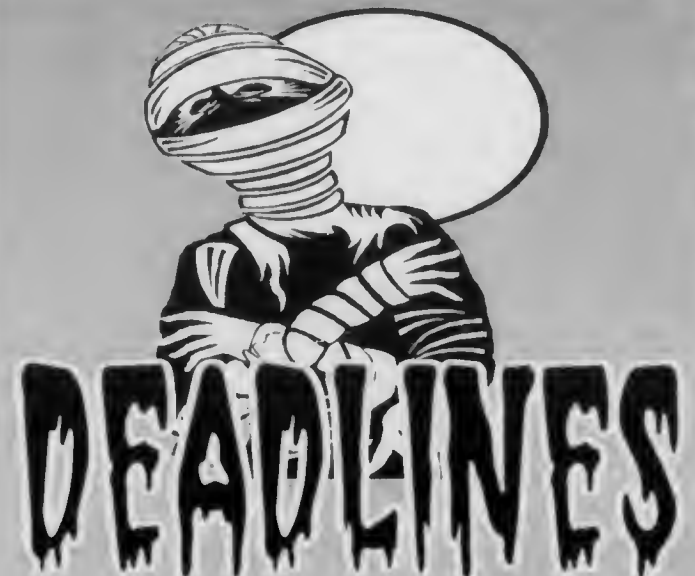
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Neighborhood

Town spends \$80,000 on arena upgrades



Above: The main ice surface at the Memorial Complex, where the Town is in the process of replacing the chiller (inset), among other upgrades the arena needs for the new year.

by Tamara Collins

This year will mark the 30th birthday of the Didsbury Arena, and in celebration of that the arena will see some much needed upgrades, totalling an estimated \$80,000.

Town Council approved administration to go ahead and apply for a "ME First" interest free loan from the provincial government.

Me First is a program from municipal affairs that provides assistance for pro-

grams that will improve energy efficiency. The loan will be paid off over a period no more than five years, and the Town will work with the Didsbury Curling Club in an effort to secure additional grants if possible.

"The main feature of the project is a new chiller," said Byron Sayer, parks and arena manager. "The chiller that is currently operating in the ice plant was built in 1968, and was moved from the old arena when it burned down, and it just can't keep

"It is our intention to push ahead and make the building function just as well or even better than in years past wherever possible."

-Byron Sayer, Town parks and arena manager

up with the demand. It is our intention to push ahead and make the building function just as well or even better than in years past wherever possible."

The chiller is the central piece to the ice plant, and it alone is almost worth the entire \$80,000.

The Town is also planning on putting a monitoring system in the ice plant, which will prolong the life of the condenser, by monitoring its coercion levels. The estimated value of the monitoring system

is \$3000.

"These improvements will happen during the off-season," said Sayer. "In the middle of March the ice comes out, the Town will look for tenders before that."

The chiller runs all three ice surfaces in the Memorial Complex.

"It is our hope that this project will not only increase the quality of product that we provide, but also that it saves tax dollar money on utilities as well, as we push ahead for a great year in 2006," said Sayer.



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NEIGHBORHOOD

Focus on
the Family

QUESTION: My 16-year-old son wants to go on a supervised, three-week outing in a nearby national forest. It scares me to think of him being out there somewhere beyond my ability to help him if he got in difficulty. Am I right to turn him down?

DR. DOBSON: I'm sure you know that within a couple of years, your son will be off to college or to some other pursuit, perhaps the military, and he will be entirely beyond your reach. Why not give him a taste of that independence now, while he is still under your care? It will be better for him to ease away from your influence than to have it come to a sudden end.

There was a moment during my teen years when my mother and I had a similar debate. I was 16 years old and had been invited to work on a shrimp boat during the summer. The captain and crew were tough dudes who didn't put up with any nonsense. It was a man's world, and I was drawn to it.

My mother was very reluctant to grant permission because she understood that there could be dangers out there in the Gulf of Mexico for four days. She was about to say no when I said, "How long are you going to keep me as your little boy? I'm growing up, and I want to go." With that, she relented. It turned out to be a good experience, during which I learned what it is like to work whether or not I felt like it, and I began to understand better how the adult world works. I came back grimy and tired, but feeling very good about myself. My mother later acknowledged that she had done the right thing, even though she worried the entire time.

Yes, I think you should let your boy go to the wilderness, especially since it is a supervised trip. "Letting go" works best as a gradual process. It's time to get started.

QUESTION: Our family lives an exhausting lifestyle -- we just can't seem to find a way to slow down! It gets depressing at times. Do you have any words of advice for us?

DR. DOBSON: Let me share something that may help you and your husband make the tough choices on which a slower lifestyle could depend. Do you remember Vince Foster, who committed suicide during the early days of the Clinton administration? He was deputy counsel to the president before that tragic night of his death on July 20, 1993. Just eight weeks earlier, Foster had been asked to speak to students graduating from the University of Arkansas School of Law. This is what he told the students on that occasion:

A word about family. You have amply demonstrated that you are achievers willing to work hard, long hours and set aside your personal lives. But it reminds me of that observation that no one was ever heard to say on a deathbed, I wish I had spent more time at the office. Balance wisely your professional life and your family life. If you are fortunate to have children, your parents will warn you that your children will grow up and be gone before you know it. I can testify that it is true. God only allows us so many opportunities with our children to read a story, go fishing, play catch and say our prayers together. Try not to miss a one of them.

Vince Foster's words now echo back to us from eternity. While you're climbing the ladder of success, don't forget your own family. Those years with your children at home will be gone in a heartbeat. Do whatever is necessary to grab those precious moments, whether it requires changing jobs, getting a smaller house, or turning down lucrative and exciting opportunities. Nothing is worth losing your kids. Nothing!

Didsbury Lifeline Society

by Shirley Thompson &
Marge St. Clair

How safe do you feel at home? If you happened to slip in the bathtub, or accidentally tripped over a rug, or missed a step going to the basement, how would you get in touch with anyone?

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If you would like more information, or to subscribe to Lifeline, please phone Shirley Thompson at 335-3787 or Don Neal at 335-4676.

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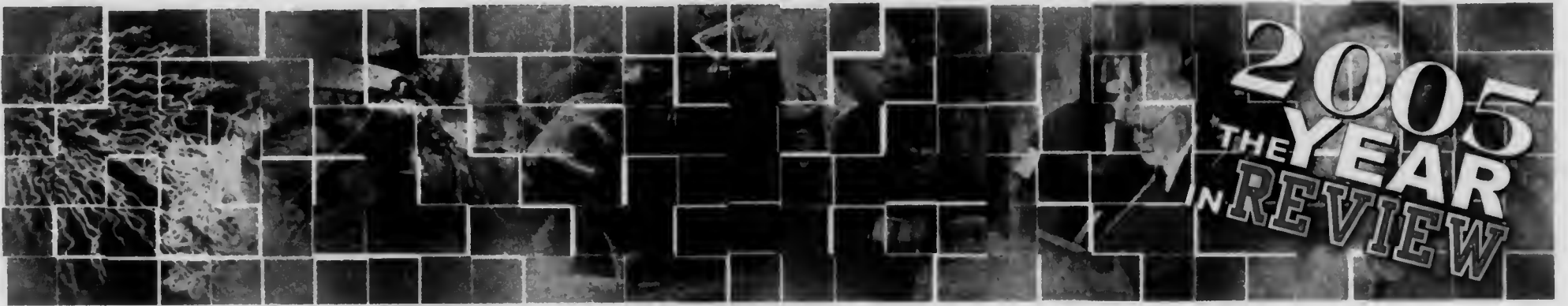
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See You in Church This Sunday



Catholics got a second chance to vote in January

Didsbury's Catholic residents were given a second chance to vote on the Red Deer Catholic School Division expanding into Didsbury.

An organizational meeting was held in January, where it was decided that a decision on a second vote would come after a telephone campaign was done. Starting right away members of St. Anthony's Church will start calling local Catholic residents to see if they could attend a second vote.

"St. Anthony's Church initiated this process," said Vince Ackerman, Red Catholic Regional Division (RDCRD) last January. "They are going to start the phone calls right away and we should have a decision on a second vote this Thurs-

day or next."

Residents had a chance to vote the November before, but not enough Catholics showed up.

In order for the vote to count, 105 Catholics, 25% of the Catholic population in Didsbury must attend the vote. That November the Catholics fell just short of that number.

"If we feel the support is there a second vote night will be held at the end of January or beginning of February," said Ackerman.

Chinook's Edge School Board Chairman Roy Brassard is not in favor of the expansion because of the effect he believes it will have on the students. Brassard said it would make more sense for the private and separate boards to share a

school instead of shipping Didsbury children to Olds.

"We could coordinate a budget and use better the resources we have," said Brassard last January. "Two sets of buses does not make sense, we should better utilize the dollars available. A joint school makes much more sense."

Town no longer pays for policing

The Didsbury Town Council was excited that the province assumed full financial responsibility for policing in Didsbury on April 1, 2005.

"We are the only one in the detachment presently paying for policing," said mayor Dorothy Moore in January. "Olds is also alone paying in their detachment.

It is a huge burden."

According to Brenda Hemming, director of Corporate Services, in total for 2003 the Town paid \$424,688, almost 8 percent of the budget.

Other towns in the Prov-

ince such as Lach La Bech were presently paying 46% of their budget on policing.

Now that this money will be freed up Moore said some of it would go towards the Town's 30 year plan to redo the underground infrastructure.



Extreme driving conditions created havoc on Hwy. 2 on Jan. 6, with a 25 car pile-up.

In February, Catholics voted "yes" to RDCRD expansion

Didsbury will be included in the Red Deer Catholic Regional Division (RDCRD) expansion this year, when a new Catholic School is built in Olds, after Catholics voted "yes" to the question.

134 showed up at the 5-0 Club in Didsbury to vote on the issue, all Catholics. Of the 134 casted ballots, 112 were in favor of the expansion, 21 were against, and one ballot was spoiled.

Jim Myhre was elected Chairman for the meeting, and his wife Jan was secretary.

Don Dolan, RDCRD Superintendent, said there would most likely be a portable school opening in 2006, and the actual school would be ready in Fall of 2007.

"The site for the school has not been officially designated yet, but I can say it will be on

the west side of Olds," said Dolan in February. "That is all we know, the Town decides the exact space."

Dolan also expressed his excitement for the community and their decision.

"This is a historic moment for Didsbury," added Dolan. "People now have a choice. We will now be doing a complete restructuring of the Red Deer division."

Roy Brassard, Chinook's Edge School Division chairman was less enthusiastic about the outcome.

"They did get the required numbers out," said Brassard. "I have not changed my opinion about it, I am disappointed."

Didsbury's Sgt. Tonn retires from the force

February was the last month Didsbury's Sgt. Tonn was in

command at the local RCMP detachment. On Feb. 18, 2005 Tonn retired from the force after 35 years of service.

"I am actually going on retirement leave on the 18th," said Tonn. "Then on June 17th it will be actual retirement."

Tonn was with the Didsbury detachment for a year and a half, and planed on staying in Didsbury after his retirement.

"I have a few things I want to do," said Tonn. "I am going to take a real estate course, it is something I am interested in and really want to do. My end is wide open for any job that may come along. I am very satisfied with the longevity of my career, I was in the force for 35 years, that is something to be proud of."

Tonn believed joining the

force was very rewarding and a very satisfying job.

"I have nothing bad to say about the RCMP," said Tonn. "I leave with many great memories."

The highlight of Tonn's career was when he rode in the RCMP's Musical Ride.

Crystal Meth bust hits close to home

Ten kilograms of the drug Methamphetamine, also known as "Crystal Meth" was seized from a rural property last February, near Didsbury.

Didsbury RCMP responded to an unrelated matter when they encountered what is being considered the largest clandestine drug lab in Alberta. This quantity, if sold in the street would be worth \$800,000.

A realtor at work came

upon the drug shop and notified RCMP that something suspicious was going on, thinking they could be growing marijuana.

Local Mounties, with the assistance of Calgary RCMP members, Red Deer and Edmonton Drug Units, and the Clandestine Lab Enforcement and Response Team from Edmonton are further processing and analysing to confirm the amount and the nature of the substance.

Two men from Calgary, John Brown, age 32, and Jody McGuey, age 29, were charged with unlawfully producing a controlled substance, Methamphetamine, contrary to Section 7(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, and unlawfully possessing a substance, for the purpose of trafficking.

Wannamaker won 2nd in Canadian Challenge in March

A fight to the finish is what the Canadian Challenge was for Rick Wannamaker of Didsbury. Wannamaker trained since August 2004 to fulfil his goal of finishing the Challenge, winning second place out of 17.

"I was very surprised, my goal was just to finish the race," said Wannamaker.

The race took place in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and accepted several late entries after another race, "Race to the sky" was cancelled in Montana because of rain.

Sandy Farr, World Champion

Every year the world's rich-

est and most prestigious blacksmithing event, the World Championship Blacksmiths' Competition, is held during the Calgary Stampede.

Contestants from around the world travel to test their skills against the best. Last March the best was named Sandy Farr of Didsbury with her submission, "Hit it Hot- Not Hard". Farr won the coveted title of World Champion along with it a collection of prizes including a limited edition bronze trophy.

Farr won a contract for seven pieces, five of which will be awarded to the World Champion for the next five years, one will be given to the major spon-

sor of the event and one will become part of a permanent collection of the Calgary Stampede.

MVC planned corporate review

Mountain View County prepared to undergo a corporate review and they hired the man who wrote the book on municipal governance to do it.

George Cuff, an independent consultant from Edmonton, has 25 years of experience in local government under his belt, and is also the past president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Alberta Urban Municipalities

Association.

He is well known for his nonsense approach to the operation of municipal government, to the point that the phrase, "Have you been Cuffed yet" has been coined in his hon-

our.

County council voted for the review at its January meeting, following concerns by Councillor Liz Negropontes that councillors were not clear on their roles and responsibilities.



The Didsbury Chamber of Commerce and the Senior Support Services both moved into the Train Station in March.



MVRES and Sundre EMS became one in April

In April Mountain View Regional Emergency Services (MVRES) and Sundre and District EMS Society announced they agreed to consolidate the ground ambulance services.

This new agreement became effective April 1, making all Mountain View County (MVC) area residents, rural and urban, under MVRES.

"We were running two parallel services with identical operations," said Nick Thain, Executive director, MVRES in April. "We are going to maintain the same staffing, there will be no effect within either service."

Sundre EMS has been the provider of ambulance service to Sundre and area since 1980.

It became the goal of the commission in 2001 to try and ensure service for the County under one service provider.

Logistical issues pro-

longed the process, which has finally been completed.

Budget holds big plans for Town

The Didsbury Town Council approved the new municipal mill rates, which included a one-mill reduction in Non-Residential municipal property taxes, at last April's Town council meeting.

In 2004 Non-residential municipal property tax was 14 mills, and council has decreased that by 7.14% down to 13 mills for the year.

This decrease was because council and administration wanted to reduce the gap between the Residential and Non-residential mill rate in Didsbury. At one point the gap between the two was four mills.

"For Non-residential we are resuming what council determined a good economical process in narrowing the gap between the two rates to

be more competitive," said Mayor Dorothy Moore last April.

Residential taxpayers may not have seen a decrease, but they saw no increase either because the Residential mill rate stayed at 10 mills.

This mill rate has not increased since 2002.

AAA Cattle Company received approval to fully expand to 18,200 cattle

After a lengthy investigation by the Natural Resources Conservation Board's (NRCB) approvals officer gave the green light to AAA Cattle Company, who was now allowed to expand their feedlot to 18,200 head of cattle.

AAA Cattle Company, a feedlot operation east of Didsbury, submitted their application for re-consideration on January 7 subsequent to an Alberta Court of

Appeal ruling on November 8, which had previously quashed a NRCB board decision.

According to the NRCB, the law and the decision of the Court of Appeal, the NRCB board directed the application back to the approvals officer for re-consideration.

According to Bill Kennedy, legal counsel and media spokesperson for the NRCB, the approvals officer had to ensure, before granting approval, that AAA Cattle Company's operation was not putting area residents or the local environment at risk.

"(The Alberta Court of Appeal) directed the Board to conduct an environmental review of the pre-existing facilities and then understand the environmental effects of those pre-existing facilities in context of the entire operation," Kennedy said last April.

Kennedy believes that the process which the NRCB's approval officer went through in order to come up with the verdict of approving the application was a very thorough one, and believes she did a good job.

"The analysis was certainly very thorough. There has been a lot of analysis of neighbouring water wells and this operation and the decision expresses comfort that it is built to standards which will be protective of the environment," according to Kennedy.

According to the NRCB, in reconsidering AAA Cattle Company's application, the approval officer reviewed submissions from various parties, including Mountain View County, Calgary Health Region, Alberta Environment, Alberta Transportation, and the Committee for Lone Pine, neighbors, and members of the community.

MVC 2005 budget approved in May

Mountain View County Council approved its 2005 budget, after taking 10 days to review line-by-line expenditures.

No amendments were made to the budget, which was first presented April 14, but not all Councillors were happy with the motion to pass it.

Councillor Arnie Shea made the lone opposition vote, saying there are too many internal inefficiencies that need to be worked out before he can support the figures.

"You're not going to approve a budget when you know there's 30 per cent inefficiencies," he told Council. "How can you?"

Shea said the County lacks a concrete plan for the \$1.1 million increase in Public Works initiatives outlined in the budget and thinks the money would be better off in a contingency fund.

"What frustrates the devil out of me is how many computer games are on our County computers," Shea added.

"These are the kind of efficiencies we've got to get to. If we eliminate the games we might get another 10 per

cent efficiencies out of these departments."

But County Commissioner Harold Johnsrude said all employees have signed a computer use policy that he believes they are following.

Olds Koininia Christian School joined CESD

Parents from the Olds Koininia Christian School met with Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) Board chairman Roy Brassard to vote on the school joining the CESD. Approximately 250 parents showed up to the meeting, and 93% voted in favor of the of the school joining the Board.

"This will be an alternative school under the care of CESD," said Brassard. "This will benefit many of the residence in Olds, Didsbury and Sundre area. There will be a change in funding on both sides, and their teachers will automatically join our union."

The Board would start receiving student allowance from the Province for the students that attend the OKCS after they officially came under the CESD umbrella, which was estimated

to happen in September.

"This should not change the program there, it will remain the same," said Brassard. "This has been happening across the province with different school divisions. It will remain a unique school, under a public body."

According to CESD superintendent Jim Gibbons, the values of both the school and division are the same.

Didsbury women met Prince Phillip

Two very hard working Didsbury women met Prince Phillip and were also presented with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for the Young Canadian Challenge.

Danielle Adamchick, 19, and Laura Pochapsky, 18, worked towards this goal since girl guides, and they were eager to complete it with the award.

"We had to complete hours for three different levels," said Adamchick. "Skill, physical recreation, and volunteer hours. Then we had to plan an expedition, go on it, then write a report about it."

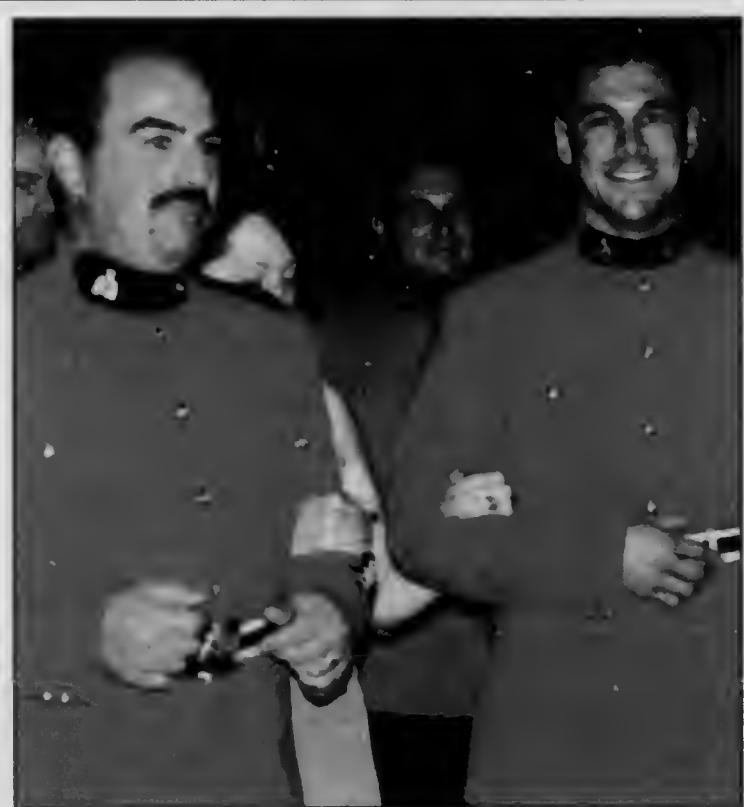
Through a YMCA Youth Exchange, the girls went on an expedition to Montreal in

April of 2002, and only one month later the same youth group they visited in Montreal came here for a visit.

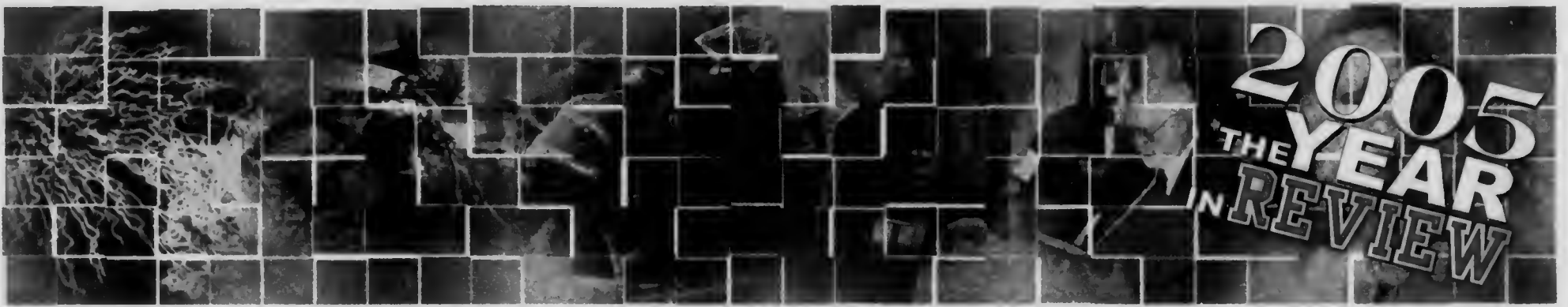
"There were 17 inner city youth that came here," said Adamchick. "We had to see their culture, then they came here to see our economy. There were certain

components of their lifestyle that was very different from ours, with them being inner city and we being residential."

The women were presented their award in May at the Legislative Building in Edmonton, by the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Phillip.



The Didsbury RCMP hosted the Regimental Ball here in May.



Didsbury man dies in crash in June

A 27-year-old Didsbury man died when his vehicle collided with a northbound train, at an uncontrolled crossing just outside of Didsbury, June 4, at 3 a.m.

Sgt. O'Dwyer, Didsbury RCMP, said Ryan Pothier hit the 27th car of a 115-car-train while driving his 1996 Pontiac Grand Prix.

Weather conditions were reported to be foggy at the time of the incident.

Although the speed Pothier was travelling had not been determined, CP Rail officials said train speed was not a factor.

"The train was travelling at a speed of (slightly under 16 km/h) as it was switching from a secondary line onto the Red Deer main line," said Ed Greenburg, manager public affairs for CP Rail, adding track speed in that area is 16 km/h.

"The (vehicle) collided with the side of the rail car and bounced off it, away from the tracks. It happened very quickly. Train speed was not a factor," said Greenburg. "Our initial investigation shows the train was operating appropriately."

Incidentally, the train continued its course towards Red Deer as the crew was unaware there had been any collision.

RCMP said a passerby who came upon the scene reported a damaged car near

the tracks at 3:19 a.m. RCMP then notified the CP Rail network management centre in Calgary who informed crews to stop the train.

CESD needs more money for new high school

The bidding ended for the tender of the new Didsbury High School, but Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) was forced to go back to Alberta Infrastructure for more money after the lowest bid came in \$628,000 over budget.

Lear Construction Management made the lowest bid of \$7.1 million and the budget for the construction of the school was just over \$6.4 million.

"We have not accepted this bid yet," said Terresa Dersch, Corporate secretary, CESD. "We now have to go and get more money from Alberta Infrastructure. The tender is held for 45 days, so we are hopeful we will hear back from them by that time."

If the additional funding is not approved they will conduct a committee meeting and come up with an alternative plan.

"We are very hopeful they are going to top up the funding so we can accept the low bid," said Dersch. "Inflation is part of the problem it goes up over one percent a

month."

Ross Ford students bring back the past

Five, Grade 4, Ross Ford students became budding actors and actresses in June, with the creation of their play, "If the Walls Could Talk", a video about the history of Ross Ford School.

Zoe Morrison, Naomi Switzer, Emily Thompson, Chelsea Budd and Mathew Johnson, all students of Mrs. Gole, are thrilled that the play they created was chosen as one of the ones that would run on Global TV during the September long weekend.

Didsbury man facing possible extradition to Florida

Didsbury Inn owner John "Jack" Sheridan was arrested by RCMP on June 21, and is now facing a possible extradition to Florida in connection with a fatal motor vehicle accident that happened in Florida in 1968.

According to a published report in the Vero Beach (Florida) Press Journal Friday, Sheridan was convicted of killing a 37-year-old man and injuring 23 others when his car slammed into a Greyhound bus on Feb. 10, 1968.

The dead man was a passenger in Sheridan's vehicle.

Passengers on the bus suffered numerous injuries, including broken bones.

In Feb. 1969, a Florida jury found Sheridan guilty of manslaughter by culpable negligence and manslaughter by intoxication.

An appeals court overturned the convictions and a new trial was ordered for Oct. 1971.

Sheridan was out on bond pending the re-trial.

He moved to Canada after the conviction was overturned.

Sheridan was released on \$10,000 bail following an appearance in Court of Queen's Bench.



The Didsbury High School class of 2005 graduated in June.

Towns commit to work together in July

The Town's of Carstairs and Didsbury announced they are planning for the future, and want to retain positive working relationships with one another as they agreed to pursue a mutual agreement between the two municipalities.

The agreement, which was being looked into by the Town's two Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) has been directed to begin meeting regularly and to prepare a report for both councils, relative to reducing costs and providing better services for both communities, by cost sharing of different pieces of equipment and programs.

The two towns are mem-

bers of a regional partnership, which includes all communities within Mountain View County, who are working towards finding ways and methods they too can work at reducing costs for all municipalities.

"Carstairs and Didsbury have a history of mutual aid and cooperation," said Didsbury mayor Dorothy Moore. "Our locations are so similar, just off Highway 2 and 2A. Our citizens share facilities and we have buses that go back and forth."

Flood victims faced ongoing hardships

Three weeks after the district was hit by heavy flooding, many flood victims

across the region, including seniors, were living in increasingly unsafe and unsanitary conditions, area politicians heard in July.

A meeting was held in Sundre, convened by Wild Rose MP Myron Thompson, to discuss the flood situation.

Among those in attendance were Mountain View County councillors Arnie Shea, Kathy Blain and Liz Negropontes, Sundre Mayor Roy Cummings, Greenwood Neighbourhood Place representatives, Sundre Petroleum Operators Group representatives, and officials from Shell Canada.

Flooding across the region on June 18 and 19 dam-

aged or destroyed many homes. Campgrounds and rural properties were also hard hit.

A number of residents affected by the flooding were forced to move out of their homes and into temporary facilities such as outbuildings and trailers.

A number of homes were been condemned, including the hard-hit Sleepy Hollow neighbourhood at Westward Ho.

New MVC Building up and running

At the new Mountain View County (MVC) Administration Building in July, the parking lot filled, the construction cleared, and

people were buzzing around inside.

After years of planning and debate the building opened and the staff moved in.

Didsbury teen stabbed in alley

In July the Didsbury RCMP were called to an alley just south of 18 Ave, where a 16 year old girl was stabbed.

Mountain View EMS also responded to the call, and the 16 year old youth, who can not be named, was transported to the Foothills Hospital in Calgary.

Didsbury RCMP, with the assistance of Olds RCMP have arrested both a male and female suspect with the stabbing.



Town CAO fired in August

Brian Irvine was still shaking his head in disbelief after Didsbury Town council relieved him from his CAO (Chief Administrative Officer) duties on July 19, at a special council meeting.

Irvine had just come back to work after a three month disability leave after hurting his back in Edmonton last Fall.

The morning before he was let go, according to Irvine he was walking down the sidewalk with two co-workers and he fell off.

Irvine was not sure if the accident would cause him to need more time off, because it was still too soon to tell.

Irvine felt he was let go unfairly, and said that he was not ruling out legal action.

Irvine worked as CAO for the Town for almost two years.

MVC Cuffed

The outcome of the much anticipated \$50,000 corporate review of Mountain View County by George Cuff and Associates was made public to a full house.

For the past four months Cuff and three of his associates who came into the County tried to figure out ways that the County could operate more efficiently.

Cuff put forward a report, which consists of over 160 pages, with 62 recommendations which he suggests council should have in place within 120 days.

Some of those ideas were: having the reeve as an elected position, having six divisions - rather than seven, getting rid of indi-

vidual divisional budgets, and hiring more senior staff.

Cuff admits that the hottest issue that Mountain View County has been faced with was the construction of the new administration building; which he believes is the reason he was hired to come in and do a corporate review.

Cuff criticized former councils and even the current council for not communicating the process of what stages the building was at.

Cuff says that if anything was learned from the whole building issue, it is that communication needs to be increased drastically.

One of the biggest areas that needs to be improved are the relationships between staff and council, as Cuff says despite them being two separate parts of the County's corporation - they need to work as a team to get the job done.

Cuff also pointed that councillors need to learn what their roles are exactly, and one of their goals is not the management of the corporation.

Didsbury's weather station

For the first time ever, Didsbury got its very own weather station, and up to the minute temperatures and forecasts are only a click away.

The station, located on Bill and Kathleen Windsor's house, can read temperatures 12 to 48 hours in advance.

The station was set up on the Windsor's house because it needed to be in a location

where they could have other facilities needed such as the internet and a web server.

The weather can be viewed at weather.mydidsbury.ca, along with wind speed, relative humidity, temperature with wind chill, wind direction, precipitation and dew point.

Parking Study reveals problem

Didsbury's downtown parking situation has been questioned for some time, so Town council decided to have a parking study done to help them, and residents, understand if parking really is a problem in town, and the results are in.

The study included an inventory of available parking lots in the downtown core, an assessment of available parking during various times of the day and of the week, a survey of business

owners, tenants and building owners in the downtown area, an analysis of possible solutions to the lack of parking and a provision of costs relative to the proposed solutions. The areas included in the study are 15 Ave. to 24 Ave., and from 20 St. to 21 St.

Within the study the Town heard from the Didsbury Chamber of Commerce, who admitted they would like to see the two hour parking limit, on the main streets downtown, enforced.

The parking problem downtown is contributed, in the study, to people parking all day in high traffic locations more than a problem with not enough parking spaces.

County CAO voted out

Mountain View County chief administrative officer

Harold Johnsrude found himself out of a job after council voted him out, 4-3, contrary to recommendations from a recent \$50,000 corporate review suggesting he be given broader powers.

The meeting, Aug. 9, was meant to be a day for the public to offer concerns pertaining to the Cuff Report and for council to willingly acknowledge shortcomings and make positive changes.

Instead, as Reeve Al Kemmere put it, "everything went sideways."

During the afternoon segment of the council meeting with the CAO, the media, and the public present, council members had the task of accepting and adopting the 62 recommendations from the Cuff Report.

But by the end of the day, Johnsrude was removed and Councillor Charlie Van Arnam resigned in protest.



Plane crash kills two

In August as the rain came down, a small homemade plane on its way to Grand Prairie fell from the sky, killing two

people.

Didsbury Fire Dept., RCMP, and Mountain View EMS were notified that the aircraft was down, and with the assistance of NAV

Canada and STARS, they were able to locate the aircraft which was north of the Harmattan Gas Plant, about 10 kms from Hwy 27, in a farmer's field.

NAV Canada reported that the aircraft was believed to have crashed due to the emergency beacon being transmitted from the aircraft. At that time they dispatched a fly over, and it confirmed the aircraft was down. MVEMS was not able to track the location from the emergency beacon, so STARS was called to assist them with that, not for medical assistance.

Tara Projects faces residents concerns in September

Residents in the College Green apartments and condos said they have had enough of the noise, dust and paint left on their cars from work done at Tara Projects, which is located in Didsbury's industrial park on 18 St.

Tara Projects just wanted to be left to conduct their business as they have been for the past four years, well before the College Green apartments and condos were there.

The Didsbury Municipal Planning Committee (MPC) approved to permit the installation of a containment system for the purpose of

controlling emissions from the sandblasting operations with some conditions.

Residents had a 14 day period to appeal the decision, and for the first time in the past seven years, the decision was appealed and it would be brought to appeal board for a decision.

Rod and Karen Flack made the appeal because they believed the system would not alleviate the problems.

Olds man killed in rural Didsbury

A 58-year-old Olds man was killed after running a stop sign in rural Didsbury

in September.

The man was heading south on range road 4.2 in a pick-up truck, when he failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection at Hwy. 582, he collided with a second pick-up which was heading west on the Hwy. 582.

The Olds man, William Costache (not released by RCMP), was taken to Didsbury Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The second male, in the second pick-up truck, a 30-year-old from Calgary, was also transported to the Didsbury Hospital, and later transferred by STARS to the

Calgary Foothills Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Lagoon repairs cost Town over \$98,000

The Town of Didsbury spent \$98,150 in September on repairs to the upper lagoon.

Town Public Works employees discovered that the berm sloping on the upper lagoon was deteriorating over time which resulted in stress being put on the liner and large rocks protruding up through the liner causing leaking.

The liner rests on the berm slope, and so the dete-

rioration is creating pockets, and the soil underneath was eroding.

Didsbury's first Idol

In September people filled the Multi-Purpose Room to listen to, and have a say in who would become the first ever Didsbury Idol.

After hearing ten contestants perform, the top three were chosen to continue on and compete for the final spot, and those three were Laura Bevelander, Jessica Weins and Anna Howells.

After the second round of singing, Didsbury voted Laura Bevelander as their Didsbury Idol.



Didsbury Review sold in October

After 19 years of owning the Didsbury Review and Contemporary Graphics, Gene Hartmann sold the newspaper to Mountain View Publishing, Inc. a subsidiary of Great West Newspaper Group Ltd. out of St. Alberta.

Mountain View Publishing also purchased the Olds Gazette and Mountain View County News from the Leatherdale family, the Sundre Roundup, Innisfail Province and Olds Albertan.

Murray Elliot, of Olds, and Ray and Joanne Lachambre, of Sundre purchased an interest in Mountain View and stayed on to manage the company. Great West Executive VP Paul Rockley would work with Elliot

and Lachambre to assist with the ownership transition.

Les Leatherdale and Ray Brinson (Innisfail) would stay on with the company. Hartmann and Mary Jane Harper would assist with the transition for a short term before moving on to new things.

"The time has come," said Hartmann. "It is for the good of the paper, it needs some fresh energy. My time with it has come to an end."

Local vet helping animals affected by Hurricane Katrina

Over 1300 horses and 3500 cats and dogs were left with nothing in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina hit, and

vetanarians and technicians are strongly needed to assist with the welfare and medical needs of these animals.

Didsbury's local vet clinic, Krebs and Co. Veterinary Clinic understood this need and so Gord Krebs, vet, Cary Ann Viney, animal health tech, and Jessica Youngs, kennel helper, all went to Louisiana to help with the animals.

Decision came in appeal against Tara Projects

After much debate and opinion in the appeal against Tara Projects' development permit for a containment system, the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) came to a decision.

This was the first appeal to come to the SDAB in seven years, and after the hearing on Sept. 20, the Board had 15 days for a decision.

Tara Projects is allowed to continue with the instalment of the containment system with some conditions including.

Drugs and loaded firearms seized from local property

Didsbury RCMP executed a search warrant on a property two miles south of Didsbury, and upon searching two residences, a quonset, and a number of outbuildings, several loaded firearms, and 152 marijuana plants were seized.

John Borden, 40 years old,

was charged with production of a controlled substance along with several firearms related offences.

For Trees is Didsbury's Small Business of the Year

Serving the community of Didsbury for five years, For Trees Company Ltd. was awarded Didsbury's Small Business of the Year award, at the Small Business Gala in October.

This was the second Small Business of the Year award given out in Didsbury, the first was given out last year to AG Foods.

"We have done a lot to carve a niche for ourselves in the community," said Fournier. "We market ourselves as a caring business, that is our motto, we care."

Break-in spree hit Didsbury in November

One weekend in November, five houses in Didsbury were broken into, when culprits pried open doors and stole jewellery and cash.

Two of the residences are located in the 1700 block, one in 1500 block, and two in Southridge. In each case there was no one home.

Didsbury Business Directory

For the first time ever, a

business directory for Didsbury is only a click away from you, assisting you in locating the services and businesses in Didsbury you need.

The new directory is now located on the Town of Didsbury website, www.didsbury.ca, and it will be a dynamic directory, easily accessible for regular changes and updates.

Town Council approved

the idea of having a dynamic directory, which would have one major re-vamp in January, a mini re-vamp in April, and regular monthly updates.

Didsbury focuses on crime prevention instead of intervention

A joint application for Didsbury, Carstairs and Cremona was sent to the Alberta Government to seek

money through the National Crime Prevention Grant. Each community was given \$20,000 to go towards a Community Mobilization Program.

The three communities came together and formed a Partners in Crime Prevention program, aimed at crime prevention through social development, in other words, trying to stop criminal activity before it begins.

A Crime Prevention Coordinator was hired, under a one year contract, under the three FCSS groups, to assess what services should be offered, and what holes need to be filled.

Katie Lutz was hired in October, so she will divide her time between the three communities, spending 16 hours a week in Didsbury, 12 in Carstairs, and eight in Cremona, based on the size of each community.

In December, trial ordered in alleged shaken baby case

A 22-year-old Red Deer man has been ordered to stand trial in a so-called shaken baby case in Didsbury.

John Vachon faces charges of criminal negligence causing bodily harm, failing to provide the necessities of life and aggravated assault.

A 17-month old girl, who cannot be named, was taken to hospitals in Didsbury, Olds and Calgary with potentially permanent eye and brain injuries, as well as a broken leg, in Oct. 2004, say police.

The accused is an acquaintance of the child's mother.

A publication ban prohibits reporting on testimony given during the preliminary hearing.

The aggravated assault charge carries a maximum penalty of 14 years imprisonment.

Health care an issue for all Wild Rose candidates

All four Wild Rose candidates say health care will be one of the most important issues facing Canadians over the next decade. However, the parties and the candidates have widely varying views on what needs to be done to keep Canadians healthy.

The 2005-2006 federal election campaign, launched with the fall of the government on Nov. 28, ends with a vote on Jan. 23.

There are four candidates in Wild Rose: NDP candidate Shannon Nelles, Green Party candidate Sean Maw, four-term Conservative MP Myron Thompson, and Liberal candidate Judy Stewart. The riding includes Sundre, Olds, Didsbury, Carstairs, Cochrane and Airdrie.

Health care in central Alberta is covered by the David Thompson

Health Region, one of nine government-appointed health authorities in the province.



The Didsbury Fire Dept. responded to a house fire in Dec. where firefighter Doug Stevens fell eight to 10 feet to the frozen ground and hurt his foot so badly, he is off work for four to six months in recovery.

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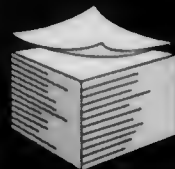
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MEMORIALS

Moon

In loving memory of Betty, Mother, Grandmother who passed away January 8, 2005
Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight,
I am soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there I did not die.
I've loved, every missed today, tomorrow and forever.
Love
Pat & Ed Lawrence & Family.

In Loving memory of
Louis Casebeer
who passed away
January 5, 2003

I lost my life companion
A life linked with my own
And day by day I miss you more
As I walk through life alone
But looking back with memories
Upon the path we trod
I bless the years
that I shared with you.
There is no parting
with those we love
Deep in my heart
you will always stay
Loved and remembered
every day.
Your wife Erika, children and grandchildren.

In loving memory of
Ward Eby
who passed away
January 4, 2004

Though his smile
is gone forever,
And his hands we cannot touch,
Still we have so
many memories,
Of the one we love so much.
His memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part,
God has him in His keeping.
We have him in our hearts.
Lovingly remembered
and sadly missed by
Your daughters & son-in-laws

Moon, Betty (Elizabeth)
January 8, 2005

A year ago our lives changed forever.

We will never know, or understand why.
But because of the love and wonderful memories that you left within our family,
In time it will ease our emptiness and our pain.
In our hearts where your love lives forever,
Always know that you will be cherished and never forgotten.
Forever in our hearts,
Always in our dreams.
We miss you so much!
Don & Sharon & Family

In Loving Memory of
Gordon Miller
July 10, 1932 -
December 31, 1999

It's lonely here without you,
We miss you more each day,
For life is not the same to us,
Since you were called away.
To your resting place we visit,
Place flowers there with care,
But no one knows
our heartache,
When we turn
and leave you there.
Edna and Family

CARD OF THANKS

A big thank you to whomever turned in my singing penguins, which were stolen from our front yard.
Thanks also to the R.C.M.P. for bringing them home on Christmas Eve.
Geraldine Riddoch

OBITUARY



George William Gannon
1971-2005

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of George. George passed away suddenly Dec. 24, 2005. George will be greatly missed by "HIS GIRLS" Trisha, Jessica, and Teala, his buddy Gizmo, and numerous good friends he considered his family. George will always be remembered for the kindness, love and laughter

that he brought to everyone's life. We love you George.

*We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,
But all we have is memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
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The successful applicant must possess good computer skills including Word and Excel, along with knowledge of basic accounting. He/she must possess a positive attitude, good interpersonal skills, and be able to multi-task. Duties will include front counter, payables, receivables, job costing, and monthly GL. Send resume, along with references to: Box 599, Bag A, Sundre, AB T0M 1X0. Only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.

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Elaine Tufts, Lodge Manager
Aspen Ridge Lodge
P.O. Box 399
Didsbury, AB
T0M 0W0

Email: mvsharl@telus.net
Fax: (403) 335-9957

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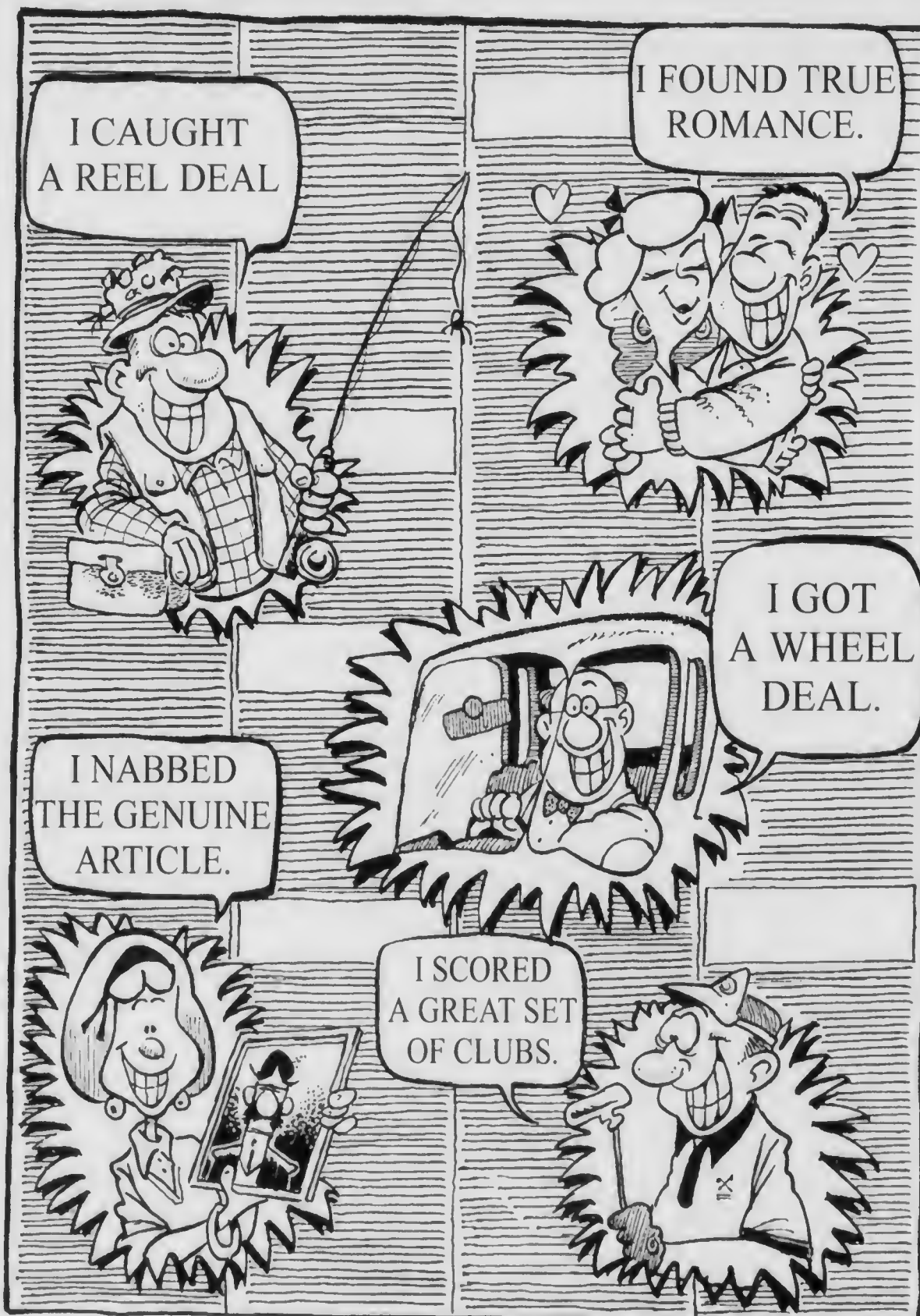
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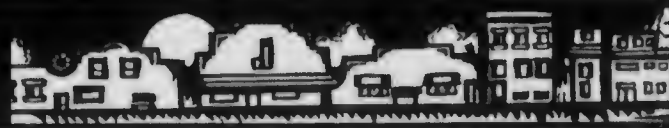
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The Program

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND EVENTS



DIDSBURY

Didsbury Youth Justice
Didsbury Youth Justice Committee's next meeting is set for January 9, 2006. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For more info call 335-1975.

Didsbury Ag Society
Annual General Meeting January 9, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Curling Club, Hogline Room.

Rosebud Ladies Coffee Party
January 11 at 9:30 a.m. at Rosebud Hall. All ladies welcome to attend.

DIDSBURY

Didsbury Five-0 Singers
50 years of age or over? You are invited to join Tuesday evenings 7:00 p.m. at the Didsbury 5-0 Club 2500 - 15 Ave.

Hall Rental
The Fallen Timber Community Hall offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for more info at 637-2270.

Darts
Every Sunday at the Elks Hall starting at 1:00 p.m. Everyone welcome to play.

DIDSBURY

Ag Info Centre
Your direct link to Alberta Agriculture's people, services, and professional production information. 1-866-882-7677.

CARSTAIRS

Mountainview Christian Women's Breakfast
Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Upstairs in the Carstairs Arena. Topic "A New Year" "A New You". Cost \$5.00 per person. Call Vicky 335-3500 or Margie 335-3765.

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ONGOING EVENTS

SPECIAL FAMILIES RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings now held on the 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce meets the 2nd Thursday each month. For more info please call 335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury-Environmental Advisory Board meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call the Town Office 335-3391.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Fall hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m., special occasions & anytime by appointment. Please call Joan Court at 335-8392 or Larry Hunsperger at 335-3284.

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KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 335-4281

DIDSBURY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday mornings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 556-3807 for information.

DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

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Hall Rental

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AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 335-8484 or Rick at 335-9525.

OLDS

W.H.O.A.S

Wild Horses of Alberta Society. Help preserve these magnificent animals in their natural environment. Meetings are the first Tues. of every month at Olds Cow Palace, 8 p.m. Call Doreen at 556-6167 for more information.

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

Sundre Toastmasters

Meetings every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Sundre. Call Sue at 335-9477 for more information.

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Hall rental

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Growing Opportunities

"GO" is a Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program that offers services to pregnant women and teens. Staff are on site every second Friday 335-7292.

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A plea for support

There are some basic truths in life and the following two apply to the above concern.

USE IT OR LOSE IT and YOU NEVER MISS IT UNTIL IT'S GONE.

Our 5-0 Club in Didsbury is dedicated to ensuring the equitable treatment in our community for seniors and we would like to make our collective voice be heard.

It should be our commitment to contribute to the changes necessary to meet head on the dynamics of a growing and changing senior population.

In the years of our existence we provided many benefits and also had some accomplishments, even though they were not published. Yet they were a direct result of seniors willing to participate organize and advocate.

Without member involvement our accomplishments will diminish and our future will be at the whim of the system. You have a right and a responsibility in your future and the future of your children and grandchildren, to participate. We urge you to renew your membership, and encourage others

to become members.

P.S. Our activities are:

Weekly card games

Floorcurling

Poolroom

Quilting

Singing

Pot Luck dinners (monthly)

For a yearly fee of \$10.00 you are entitled to a membership, considered you have reached the age of 50 years or over. Please keep an open mind, think and act with us. It is certainly worth the effort.

Werner Niedersteiner, Pres.

Christmas angels and iced cappuccinos

On Friday, Dec. 16, after a medical appointment we were on our way home to Didsbury, when we decided to stop in Airdrie, at Tim Horton's drive through for an Iced Cappuccino.

When we came to pay for it, the attendant in-

formed us it was already paid.

We asked who had paid for our drinks and she replied it was the people in the car ahead of us.

By this time they were gone and we have no idea who they were and never had an opportunity to thank

them.

The Cappuccinos were the best yet, because these people understood the true meaning of Christmas. You are our Angel. Thank you and Bless your hearts!

Lorraine and Percy Zeiler



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Affordable home in Mobile Home Park
Large yard, nice position with view
#17 1190 15 Ave Didsbury

Turn Key Home \$22,900

1976 Mobile with many upgrades
Priced to sell!
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1981 Mobile Home
2 beds 1 bath w upgrades
#28 1190 15 Ave Didsbury

Vacant Lots \$39,900

Corner Lot
Build with Gold Seal Homes
75 Westpoint Drive

Vacant Lots \$39,900

10 Valarosa Drive, Didsbury
23 Valarosa Drive, Didsbury
\$49,900

Vacant Lot \$43,900

Cul-de-sac lot
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108 Westridge Pl

Vacant Lot \$46,900

Cul-de-sac lot
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1162 Kildeer Close

Walk-Out Lot \$54,900

Last walkout left in premier
subdivision 58'x130'
43 Westpoint Dr Didsbury

Foreclosure \$72,000

Three Bedroom townhouse with
lots of potential. Sold as is.
#4 1706 22 Ave Didsbury



Affordable Home \$79,900

Townhouse in Didsbury Manor
Great starter home, revenue property
#5 1706 22 Ave Didsbury

Why rent? \$85,900

1100+ sq ft townhouse under
renovation, new paint, flooring etc
#23 1706 22 Ave Didsbury

Charming Home \$111,900

Great starter or revenue property
Original hardwood floors, new laminate
1905 16 St Didsbury

New Home \$157,900

Brand new home not finished yet
Ready spring/summer 2006
6 Valarosa Dr Didsbury

Heritage Home \$178,500

2700 sq ft two-storey large lot Zoned
RC. Good location- lots of potential
1919 14 St Didsbury

New Home \$189,900

1151 sq ft 3 bed 2 bath deck
New subdivision walkout bsmt
1170 Kildeer Close Didsbury

Energy Efficient \$199,900

Designed for healthy living
R40 insulation walls, 3 bed
1166 Kildeer Close Didsbury

Location Location \$211,050

Brand new home in culdesac
5 year warranty 1413 sq ft
104 Westridge Pl Didsbury

Country Charm \$212,900

Charming character home
in great condition on large lot
1813 14 St Didsbury

Immaculate Yard \$219,500

Open floor plan, vault, hdwd floors
rv parking, quiet area near hospital
1309 22 Ave Didsbury

Valley View \$229,900

Brand new home on large lot
baking onto creek, open floor plan
19 Valarosa Dr Didsbury

Mountain View \$277,500

Executive home, walkout
hardwood, vault, deck, 3 bed
18 Westpoint Dr Didsbury

Commercial Land \$95,000

Commercial lot Prime locallon
Just off hwy 582 near 2+2A
1614 27th Ave Didsbury

Unique & Diverse \$189,000

4000 sq ft commercial bldg
Investment Opportunity
1 Co-Op Road Didsbury

Carstairs Property



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